Dear FCC Chairman Powell,

Please be mindful your responsibility to keep the media diverse and open to competition when considering Senator Feingold's bill regarding radio consolidation and monopolistic broadcast practices.

At a time when we are presented with many perspectives, voices, and opportunities for media growth, it is crucial that the media and free market are allowed to thrive. When a select few companies control the majority of media outlets worldwide, or can own the majority of broadcast outlets in one market, democracy cannot flourish.

Journalists, academics, broadcasters, and musicians, alike have spoken out against deregulation. As a concerned consumer and citizen, I join them in urging the FCC to uphold regulations. I will urge my representatives to do the same, and remember at election time the responses of all.

Sincerely,

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